

REMARKS

A Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due dated December 10, 2003, with an accompanying Notice of Allowability, was issued in the above-identified patent application. Applicants chose not to pay the issue fee, and instead filed a Request for Continued Examination on March 9, 2004.


Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 1-29 remain pending in the application and claim 1 has been amended. No new matter has been introduced by this Amendment. Claim 1 is amended merely to clarify the claim language and more specifically point out the allowed subject matter. Claims 1-29 are believed to remain allowed in the application. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request consideration of the Amendment and issuance of a Notice of Allowance.

AUTHORIZATION

No fee is due by this filing. However, the Commissioner is hereby also authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for this submission, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 13-4503, Order No. 1232-4783.

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